

— MIFA presents the 35th Annual No-Go Gala —



**MIFA**  
**SUPER**  
**HEROES**  
**TAKE TO THE SKIES!**

MIFA NO-GO GALA 2022

# HEROES TAKE TO THE SKIES!

*Traveling at the speed of kindness, in a battle to eradicate hunger and homelessness.*

Each day in our fair city,

**2,200 seniors are in trouble.**

**Why?**

**FOOD INSECURITY.**

*Without a group of selfless superheroes to come to their aid, they might spend their days hungry and alone.*

*Armed only with hot meals and compassion, these heroes travel at the speed of kindness to every corner of Shelby County, in a battle to **eradicate hunger.***

And each night,

**hundreds of families face being left in the dark or out in the cold.**

*But a brave group of heroes is there to take the call to connect these neighbors with the help they need.*

*You might never know, if you saw them on the street, that these heroes do battle each day with unseen forces — hunger, poverty, homelessness, and injustice — **on behalf of a city in need.***





**Join us on this journey  
to unmask a few of  
the MIFA heroes who  
work tirelessly to  
keep us all safe.**

Angela Scott





*FOR THE KIELS,  
DELIVERING  
MEALS  
IS A  
FAMILY  
AFFAIR!*

Meggan and Daniel Kiel love delivering meals with their children, Sadie and Ben. "Watching our kids develop this deep empathy through our Meals on Wheels experiences has been a gift that MIFA has given to our family and we will continue giving back to MIFA and our community by delivering meals."

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*GUS & GIBBY MARTIN*

**WHEN IN DOUBT,  
HELP OUT!**

Gus and Gibby Martin—children of Hope and Tom Martin—enjoyed meal deliveries with their dad. More than just providing a meal, they formed friendships with the clients on their regular route. Gus recalls Ms. Pearly, who shared things she grew in her garden, and Gibby remembers Ms. Buggs, who had candy treats for them.



*EVELYN RAKESTRAW*  
**KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS**

Evelyn is the daughter of Jeff and Tiffany Rakestraw. Tiffany is an Emergency Shelter Placement Intake Specialist at MIFA, and she—like many other family programs staff—was steadfast in her service to clients through the turmoil of the pandemic, when so many Memphians needed shelter and other critical services.



— THE AMAZING ORRS —

**FOR BETTER UNITY,  
HELP YOUR  
COMMUNITY.**



Brown Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor Bartholomew Orr have provided financial and volunteer support for MIFA's programs for seniors and families and participated in interfaith events. Pastor Orr is preparing the next generation of servant leaders, his grandchildren, Valiant Bates Orr, Jr., Brooklynn Skyy Orr, Vaughn Karter Orr, Bartholomew Orr III, and Vance Peyton Orr.





— THE MAGNIFICENT MALONES —

WHEN SENIORS NEED FOOD  
**WE DELIVER!**

*"I started delivering meals because I have a passion for youth, hunger and homelessness, and senior citizens," says Tamera Malone. She brought her niece and nephews—Skylar and Tylar Malone and Kaleb Anderson—along to share the experience. "I enjoy meeting the clients and we always exchange great amounts of love and smiles," Tamera says. "I feel blessed to be able to have the impact."*





— THE SUPERB ST. MARY'S SEVENTH GRADE CLASS —

**DON'T JUST STAND THERE.  
VOLUNTEER!**

Mae Dallas

Lucy Pai

Aaliyah Sharif

Ellie Spillyards

Elizabeth Harrison

Lillian Bergeron

Lauren Ehrhart

Kynedi Fox

Mary Elizabeth Autry

Cayden King

Caroline Brezina

These St. Mary's Episcopal School students have spent the past year learning about MIFA through their service-learning course and supporting our programs through volunteer and donation projects. In addition to delivering meals, they hosted collection drives to benefit our seniors. They also participated in a discussion with our staff about homelessness and MIFA's programs serving families and children, asking insightful questions and sharing their own observations about homelessness in our community. These bright students are the future of volunteering in Memphis and beyond!



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Addison Cannon  
Joy Montague  
Maddie Hill  
Liv Leschak  
Caroline Donato

Bela Phillips  
Lucy Lyon  
Jane Russell  
Dua Akbar  
Christina Moon  
Emily Cole  
Sophia Edmonston  
Karlye Kate Nguyen  
Louise Cole

Andrea Peredo  
(Middle School Counselor)  
Jillian Dobbins  
Lizzie Craft  
Gracie Hill  
Juliet Echols  
Kate Massey  
Mary Alice Simpkins  
Abigail Brown  
Georgia Ann Hernandez  
Helen Garrett





*DON'T FORGET...*

***GIVE TODAY!***

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Maren Wittman  
Farah Arshad  
Hollynn Gill

Carmen McGhee  
Evans Rogin  
Gemma Ferguson  
Brooke Brown  
Bella Connell

Esme Larschan  
Kate Schell  
Kate Whidden  
Campbell Fields  
Mollie Ginn  
Louise Lawhead  
Thea Larschen  
Savannah Miller  
Ejeme Ataga

not pictured:  
Amal Ahmed  
Anna Claire Hensarling  
Hannah Loden  
Katherine Mu  
Gwen Palmer  
Jilly Ramser  
Lily Saavedra-Willet  
Uma Satpute  
Kate Witherington





— THE AMAZING CRENSHAWS —

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE *ACROSS GENERATIONS*

Lucia Crenshaw's mother, Annabelle Whittemore, was one of MIFA's founders and served on our original board in 1968. Lucia carries on that legacy through her board service today. This family's intergenerational commitment to MIFA's progress and sustainability ensures that we will

continue serving for generations to come. Pictured are Lucia and Hal Crenshaw, their children Wendy Bolding, Lucia and Joe McKnight, Molly and Wes Nelson; grandchildren Lucy, Hal, Molly, Andy, Bobby, Kate, and Sam; and with a special appearance by Nana.



— MORE AMAZING CRENSHAW —

**YES, WE CAN!**  
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— ALISON MORRIS —

**IF YOU SEE THE NEED,  
TAKE THE LEAD!**

Last year, Alison—daughter of Mary and Paul Morris—set up a lemonade stand with her brother Courtland. They received tremendous support and generous tips from many customers. “The biggest tipper was an elderly woman who suggested she didn’t have much disposable income,” Mary says. “She urged them to spread joy and help people in need.” And so they did, by deciding to share their profits with MIFA. We are so grateful to heroes like Alison who see the need in our community and choose to support our programs for seniors and families in crisis.

**OH NO, DON'T GO!**

You, too, can be a MIFA superhero by joining this legion of generous volunteers and donors.

**MAKE A GIFT TO THE NO-GO GALA TODAY!**

The No-Go Gala is an annual campaign that raises support for MIFA’s programs. We invite donors NOT to attend and to donate what they would have spent on a night out to MIFA instead. In the campaign’s 35th year, we invite you to enjoy this comic book adventure in the comfort of your home and be a hero yourself by making a gift to support MIFA.

Many thanks to our heroes, kids, and families who joyfully participated in this project.

**THANK YOU!**

Special thanks to Justin Fox Burks and Amy Lawrence for their photography, photo design, and vision for this project. They are passionate about Memphis and serving in any way they can. Working with them has been a delight!





THE DAVID WILLIAMS BOARD ROOM

## ***TURNING COMPASSION INTO ACTION***

*The MIFA Meals on Wheels team knows what it means to keep going, no matter what. When the pandemic threatened our senior clients the most, they kept showing up, every single day. They stretched to ensure service was never interrupted. They cooked, packed, delivered, and tracked every meal. Now they are looking ahead—to a brighter future and the chance to serve more.*

James Jackson, Phadria Edmond, Detrice Willis, Levator Jackson, Patricia Brunson-Ware, Kathy Williams, Bonnie Clark, Tonya Bradley-Parker, Charita Cannon, Craig Woods, Joyce Stewart

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